



# TOWN OF ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS

# MUNICIPAL MONTHLY

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## TOWN SERVICES HOTLINE

DIAL

**978-929-6600**

### TOWN SERVICES HOTLINE HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Friday: 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM

### TOWN HALL & HUMAN SERVICES HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM  
Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Thursday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Friday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Saturday - Sunday: Closed

*Town Offices will be closed:  
April 18, Patriot's Day*

### ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION

Mondays & Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM  
Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Thursday: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM  
Friday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 2:00 - 5:00 PM

## TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

The Annual Town Meeting will be held at 7 PM on Monday, May 16, 2022 at the Acton-Boxborough Regional High School Auditorium. The warrant, which includes comprehensive information on each proposed article will be published online the first week of May. For more information on Town Meeting and the warrant process, please visit [actonma.gov/townmeeting](https://actonma.gov/townmeeting). The last day to register to vote in the Town Meeting is Tuesday, April 26th. Contact the Town Clerk's office for an application, or register online at [RegisterToVoteMA.com](https://RegisterToVoteMA.com).



Thanks to Town Clerk Eva Szkaradek, Deputy Town Clerk Leo Mercado, town staff and the many volunteers who participated in administering another successful local election! The results can be found by visiting [actonma.gov/election](https://actonma.gov/election).

Acton is hiring! We are seeking qualified candidates for a variety of positions for all levels of experience in Town Departments including Police, Sustainability, Memorial Library, Recreation, and much more. For more information and to complete an application, please visit [actonma.gov/jobs](https://actonma.gov/jobs).

The Economic Development Office is the business community's resource in Town for navigating the business environment and providing technical assistance on permits, grants, and tax incentive programs. Director Pierce Onos has been busy connecting with business owners and learning about the needs in the community. There have been forums to foster discussion, collect information and begin collaborating on solutions including ones for business owners related to Transportation and a manufacturing industry forum related to challenges in hiring today. Check out the Economic Development page at [actonma.gov/business](https://actonma.gov/business).



*State and Local Officials pictured with owners of Frolic & Detour, a new restaurant located in the former Red Raven restaurant in North Acton, during a ribbon cutting ceremony held in March.*

The Office is currently surveying residents to hear about what businesses you use and love. Weigh in at <https://bit.ly/actonfavs>.

Did you know that there is a new newsletter called Acton's Business Boost specifically for the Business Community? Interested in receiving it? Sign up at this link: <https://bit.ly/mmboost>.

Sincerely,  
John S. Mangiaratti  
Town Manager

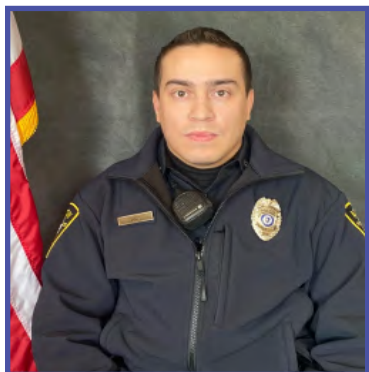


**ROBERT PORAWSKI**

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Please join us in welcoming Robert Porawski as he begins his career as a Firefighter/Paramedic with the Acton Fire Department.

Robert comes to the Department with experience from the Sharon Fire Department as a Massachusetts Fire Academy trained Firefighter/Paramedic and the Fall River Fire Department EMS Division. In addition, Robert has experience as an EMT-Basic since 2013.



**LEANDRO LINS**

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

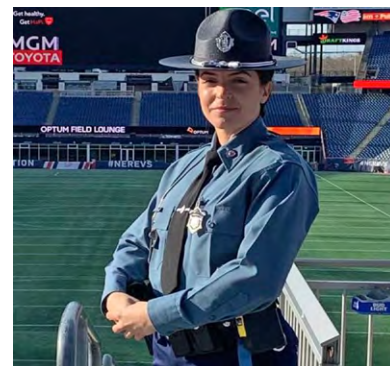
Please join us in welcoming Leandro Lins, Acton's newest full-time Patrol Officer.

Over the past year Leandro has been serving as a part-time Special Police Officer. Leandro previously worked full-time with Tuft's University Police Department as a police officer and is presently enrolled at Middlesex Community College pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Below are some photos taken at the services from Massachusetts State Trooper Tamar Bucci's wake and funeral held on March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Trooper Bucci was killed in the line of duty when the driver of an oil tanker struck her cruiser as she attempted to assist a stopped motorist on Interstate 93 in Stoneham.

Acton Police Detective Jon Stackhouse and K9 Zane were asked by the Mass. State Police Employee Assistance Unit along with dogs from the Bedford, NH Police Department, and the Lunenburg Police Department, to assist with the family and fellow officers. Zane is pictured on the left of each of the below photos.





## THE POWERS OF PRESERVATION

*By Barbara Rhines, Acton Cultural Resource Planner*

An historic home set amidst a busy commercial zone may seem vulnerable to the sweep of “progress.” But the stewardship of the Robbins “Lottery” House preserved this circa 1800 Federal-era home, which is sited beyond the boundaries of Acton’s three local historic districts. Through a creative arrangement with Historic New England, the house currently functions as a thriving art gallery -- the Powers Gallery on Great Road, while being preserved in perpetuity through a Historic Preservation Restriction. (Find out why it is known as the Lottery house in a future article!)

The Robbins House at 144 Great Road was built on 200 acres of bucolic farmland in 1800 and is a wonderful example of late-Georgian/Federal-era architecture. The Nylander family lived in the home during the 20th century. Even as development grew around them, they knew that the home should be preserved. The Nylanders put a restriction on the house with Historic New England, protecting the exterior structure and interior features.

Meanwhile Lawrence Powers was operating the Powers Gallery in rented strip-mall space further up Great Road. He had taken over the business from his father, John Powers, who had started the art gallery in his home in Acton Center.

“By 2002, it was time for me to own my own space, rather than rent,” Mr. Powers recalls. He quickly recognized the beauty of the Robbins House, which was for sale, and worked extensively with Historic New England and Acton’s Historical Commission to make the home function as gallery space while preserving the building in perpetuity. Part of its renovation was replacing the sills on the attached, post-and-beam carriage house. The resulting space can display large, contemporary works of art. The home’s first-floor rooms remain virtually unchanged and provide intimate gallery spaces and workshop/framing areas. While restoring the interior, changes were made to be primarily reversible. Lighting, for example, is designed to illuminate artwork but could be easily removed without harm to the building’s ceilings.

In 2009, Acton voters approved Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds at the Annual Town Meeting for critical roof and chimney repairs.

The Robbins House has been a labor of love for the Powers. The Powers Gallery/Robbins House shows that preservation and progress can dovetail beautifully in the hands of a dedicated owner.

This is one example showing the importance of the CPA program in Acton. Acton’s Annual Town Meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup> will consider this year’s proposed CPA projects.



*The Robbins House in the early 20th century was a working farm.*

## Acton Nursing Services: 100 Years of Service to Acton

Acton Public Health Nursing Services (ANS) is celebrating it's 100th Anniversary of providing services to the residents of Acton. After the Spanish flu pandemic that was raging from 1918 to 1919, Acton had a visiting physician for the schools and there was an assigned school nurse for a time during 1921. In the Town archives, it's stated that on March 13, 1922 Town Meeting voted "that the board of health be instructed to employ a town nurse" and voted "to appropriate the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars to care for the expense." On May 17, 1922, Ida Briedenbach was appointed as the first Town Nurse at a salary of \$825 with an additional \$633 for a Ford sedan. The following year, 1923, Town Meeting voted \$2,000 for the town nurse department. The belief is that the Town has funded a Town Nurse ever since.



Over the decades, ANS has helped thousands of Acton residents maintain and/or restore their health with a range of services. In 1966, ANS became a Medicare Certified Home Health Care agency to provide services to those requiring in-home support. This is in addition to helping all Acton residents stay healthy with preventative services and programs.

The most recent activity that ANS was actively involved in was supporting Acton residents during the COVID-19 pandemic. ANS provided education, communication, vaccinations, tracking, contact tracing and on-the-spot help when needed, especially for home-bound residents. ANS worked closely with the Acton Schools, and the Public Health team, to provide what was needed for students, parents, teachers and the community regarding protocols and disseminating information.

The Town of Acton appreciates the services of the committed staff and leadership of the Acton Nursing Services team. For 100 years, someone has always been there to help Acton residents stay healthy.

We hope you never need home care, but, if you or a family member or neighbor or friend needs help be sure to call ANS at 978-929-6650 or email [nursing@actonma.gov](mailto:nursing@actonma.gov).

### Mission Statement:

*The Acton Public Health Nursing Services is dedicated to fostering individual and community health in the Town of Acton. To this end, the nursing service provides public health services and certified home health to the residents of Acton.*



#### **Acton Town Report Archives:**

REPORT OF TOWN NURSE - As Town Nurse of Acton, I respectively submit the following report from May 17, to December 31, 1922.

- District calls 752
- Home calls or follow-up work 96
- Contagious cases found in school 14
- Calls or follow up on T. B. work 9
- Baby welfare calls 21
- Child welfare calls 11
- Prenatal calls 5

- First aid administered 24
- Anesthetics given 2
- Confinement 2
- Health talks 26
- Children brought home ill from school 4
- Hours spent in schools 187
- All school children having been examined as per requirement of school regulations.

IDA BREIDENBACH, R. N.

## Support for Caregivers Caring for People Living with Dementia

Caregiving can be both rewarding and stressful. Caregivers for people living with Dementia face special challenges and the tasks of day-to-day caregiving can be overwhelming. Resources are available to help enhance the quality of life for caregivers and care recipients. Join us for this event and learn more about support services and resources for caregivers from Minuteman Senior Services Family Caregiver Support Program and the Alzheimer's Association, Massachusetts/New Hampshire Chapter.

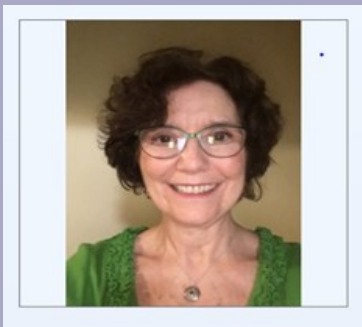
Sponsored by the Towns of Acton, Boxboro and Littleton

April 27, 2022

12:00 NOON

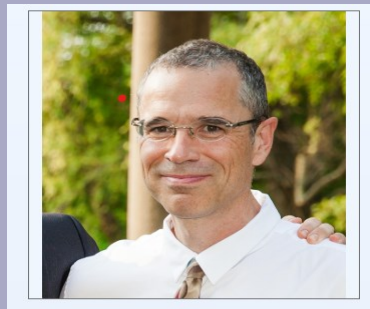
Virtual presentation -Pre-Registration Required

[https://actonma.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_k5V9pbobT1G\\_0RcMnasT0A](https://actonma.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_k5V9pbobT1G_0RcMnasT0A)



**Kathy Sullivan**

Kathy Sullivan is a Community Care Coordinator for the Family Caregiver Support program at Minuteman Senior Services, Inc., an Aging Services Access Point and Area Agency on Aging, based out of Bedford, Massachusetts. Through community engagement and meeting with Caregivers Kathy provides resources, education, guidance, training, and empowerment to those caring for older adults and people with disabilities. In 2010 Kathy joined Minuteman Senior Services serving as a SHINE Open Enrollment Specialist, a Care Manager and in 2013 joined the Caregiver Support team. Kathy is an active member in the Alzheimer's Association Liberty Alzheimer's Partnership. Kathy has been facilitating Caregiver Support groups since 2014. Kathy holds a master's degree in Management of Aging Services from the Department of Gerontology, University of Massachusetts Boston.



**Andrew Fieleke**

Andrew Fieleke is a Community Care Coordinator for the Family Caregiver Support program at Minuteman Senior Services, Inc., an Aging Services Access Point and Area Agency on Aging, based out of Bedford, Massachusetts. Over the years he has worked with a broad variety of consumers in various capacities and has especially enjoyed serving older adults. He's been with Minuteman since 2014 and prior to that worked as a psychotherapist in private practice and community mental health settings. Andrew holds a MA in Counseling Psychology from Antioch University, Seattle.



**Julie McMurray, MA, LSW, LMHC, CDP**

Julie McMurray currently serves as a Senior Manager for the Central MA Region & Community Outreach of the Alzheimer's Association, Massachusetts/New Hampshire Chapter for the last 19 years. Julie facilitates training's and educational programs for family caregivers, people with Alzheimer's and professional caregivers. Julie oversees the 13 community partnerships in Massachusetts that help to extend the reach of the Alzheimer's Association throughout Massachusetts through awareness and education. In her current role, Julie collaborates with service providers and community leaders on providing outreach and increasing awareness about Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

Funding for CHNA15 is provided from Lahey Hospital and Medical Center and Winchester Hospital through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Determination of need (DoN) process.



The Council on Aging at the Senior Center offers in-person and virtual activities and is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8 AM to 5 PM, Tuesday 8 AM to 7:30 PM, and Friday 8 AM to Noon. Visit our website [actoncoa.com](http://actoncoa.com) for the latest information, to view our newsletter or to sign up for notifications. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook @actoncoa! The COA is following local guidelines concerning COVID-19 precautions.

## APRIL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Watercolor Painting:** Classes begins Tuesday, April 12 at 9:30 AM for 8 weeks, with Fran Hewitt
- **The Trail of Tears:** Tuesday, April 12 at 1:00 PM via ZOOM. Andrew Jackson, the Cherokee, and the Indian Removal Act via Zoom with Paolo Di Gregorio
- **Planning for Medicare:** Tuesday, April 12, 6:00 PM, via Zoom with BC/BS staff
- **The Ukrainian Crisis:** Wednesday, April 13 at 12:30 PM with Lawrence Lowenthal
- **What to Considering When Purchasing an Emergency Response System?** Thursday, April 14, 1:00 PM, with staff from Be Safer at Home
- **Genealogy Presentation on Following the Trail of Shared DNA Matches,** Tuesday, April 19, 1:00 PM with Seema Kenney
- **Greeting Card Workshop:** Tuesday, April 19, 2:00 PM, with Nancy Dodge
- **Community Building Circle:** Tuesday, April 26, at 6:00 PM

**Art exhibit beginning April 19 through the end of May:** This exhibit will feature the work of students from Sandy Wilensky's classes. Sandy passed away in February and her students are honoring her memory with the exhibit. A reception is scheduled for **Thursday, April 21 from 2 to 4 PM.** All are welcome.

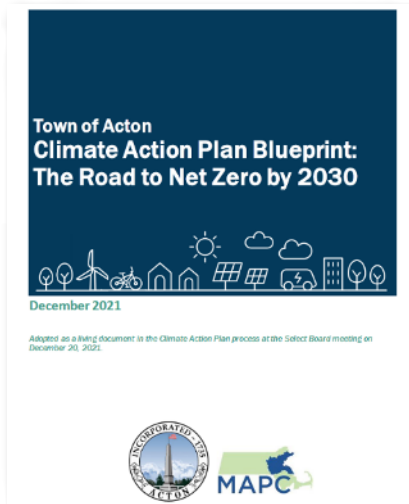
**Other activities** include 12 fitness classes a week, movies, line dancing, a gym with senior-friendly equipment, and various groups including Computer Club. A caregiver support group facilitated by Julie Norstrand, PhD, MSW meets Tuesdays at 2:00 PM via Zoom, for anyone caring for an older adult. Appointments with Murray Bob to review your cable TV, Internet or cell phone services are available on April 21.

**Meals:** The Minuteman Senior Service dining site offers in-person lunches Monday through Thursday at noon. Grab and Go lunches continue to be offered Monday through Friday. Sign up at least 24 hours in advance in-person or by phone 781-221-7098. Benchmark at Robbins Brook is providing lunch on Tuesday, April 19 (eat in at noon; grab & go at 12:30 PM), breakfast will be served on Friday, April 8 at 9 AM, and there is a pizza dinner on Tuesday, April 26 at 5:00 PM. **Sign up for these three meals with the COA.**

**For seniors and their family members seeking information on area social services:** Please contact COA Senior Services Coordinator Beverly Hutchings at 978-929-6652. She provides information on home care agencies, elder day programs, housing options, food and fuel assistance, and a variety of other services. If you're turning 65 in the near future, call Bev to book an appointment with a SHINE counselor to review your Medicare plan options.

**To be added or removed from the paper newsletter mailing list,** please contact us at 978-929-6652 or [seniorcenter@actonma.gov](mailto:seniorcenter@actonma.gov).

## ACTON CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATES



We are nearing the end of the Climate Action Plan (CAP) process! We held two workshops for Phase II of the CAP process in March. A recording of the first workshop can be found [here](#).

The final CAP will be published in May – to stay up-to-date visit the Climate Action Plan blog [click here](#). To sign up for updates visit: [bit.ly/RegisterCAPnewsletter](https://bit.ly/RegisterCAPnewsletter).

## HAVE YOU HEARD OF A HEAT PUMP?

There are two types of heat pumps: air source and ground source. These systems enable residents and businesses to efficiently heat and cool their homes or building. The Town of Acton is working with Abode Energy Management to provide FREE consultation to Acton residents and businesses that want to switch to air source and ground source heat pumps. To learn more visit [abode.energy/acton](https://abode.energy/acton).

Four introductory videos on Heat Pumps:

- Starting Your Heat Pump Journey: [bit.ly/HeatPumpJourneyAbode](https://bit.ly/HeatPumpJourneyAbode)
- Air Source Heat Pump Sizing and Design: [bit.ly/HeatPumpAbode2](https://bit.ly/HeatPumpAbode2)
- How to Use Your Heat Pump: [bit.ly/HeatPumpAbode3](https://bit.ly/HeatPumpAbode3)
- Heat Pump Economics in Massachusetts: [bit.ly/HeatPumpAbode4](https://bit.ly/HeatPumpAbode4)

**Questions?** Contact the Sustainability Office at [sustainability@actonma.gov](mailto:sustainability@actonma.gov).



A heat pump is a gnome with a bucket running in circles. He runs outside, wrings a little heat from the cold outdoor air, runs inside, pours out the heat, and repeats. He eats electricity to keep up his strength.

5:34 PM · Mar 21, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone

*If you just want a snapshot definition: here is [Twitter's](#) attempt to explain the Heat Pump technology.*



## OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

We want to know what open space and recreation areas are important to you!

Please visit our website for updates and information on how take our upcoming survey.

<http://www.actonma.gov/osrp>



As recommended in the Acton Open Space and Recreation Plan, and in recognition of the pressures being placed on Acton's remaining open space, a permanent Open Space Committee was established in 2004. The Open Space Committee is a sub-committee of the Conservation Committee, with no more than seven permanent members serving terms of three years each. Each year one Selectman and one full member of the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board will be identified as liaisons and members of the Committee.

The tasks of the Open Space Committee include:

- Advising Town Boards on land acquisition/protection opportunities, including assessment of lands associated with Article 61 and 61A offerings, land set asides associated with PCRCs, and land gifts or defaults to the Town;
- Acting as a municipal liaison with individuals and land protection advocacy groups including local, state and national land conservation trusts active in the protection of open space;
- Reach out and respond to landowners interested in selling their land for open space purposes.
- Identifying state and federal funding opportunities for open space protection;
- Acting as sponsor and/or advocate for open space protection funding proposals presented to the Town of Acton Community Preservation Committee; and
- Assisting in updating the Open Space and Recreation Plan when required.

[Please click here to visit the Town of Acton Open Space and Recreation Plan 2014-2021](#)





# RECREATION DIVISION

Acton Recreation provides a variety of programs for everyone. We have finalized many new programs for the Spring and Summer as well as announce our summer events. NARA Summer Camp and Camp Hill Top is now accepting registrations. Some weeks have already filled up. Don't delay and register today to secure your child's summer plans.

Registration for programs and calendar of events can be found by visiting [actonrec.com](https://actonrec.com).

We are busy reserving field and facility rentals for 2022. Please submit your application soon to secure your preferred date. Click [here](#) to access forms, fees and details.

***Stay active, make new friends, connect with the community, and welcome spring!***

## Featured Programs

### April School Vacation Program

Come play with us at the Recreation Center! Our program includes arts and crafts, active games, team building, music, theater, outdoor adventure and more. The program is held at the Acton Recreation Center, 50 Audubon Drive, South Acton. Programs dates: Friday, April 15 and Tuesday through Friday, April 19-22, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM; Ages 5-12 Fee: \$50.00 per child/day; Optional After-Care: 4:00-5:30 PM, Fee: \$20 per child/day. No program on Patriots Day, Mon. April 18. Please note at the time of this release, the program have very limited availability.



### **NEW THIS YEAR!** Camp Hill Top - Ages 4-7 and CIT Ages 14-15

We're excited to make our new Camp Hill Top available to children ages 4-7, with CIT option for ages 14-15. Located at the Recreation Center, 50 Audubon Drive in South Acton, Camp Hill Top offers a wide range of fun, age-appropriate activities including arts & crafts, drama, sports, group challenges, nature, and special activities based on the weekly theme (Camp Hill Top operates separately from NARA Camp and with different themes). On Thursday afternoons campers are bussed to NARA Beach for swimming. Other days there is water play at Camp Hill Top home base. All health and safety protocols are followed. Register now at [actonrec.com](https://actonrec.com).

**June 27-July 1:** Building and Engineering Week

**July 5-July 8:** Mad Scientists Week

**July 11-15:** Superheroes Week

**July 18-22:** Olympics Week

**July 25-29:** Community Helpers Week

**Aug. 1-5:** Exploration Space Week

**Aug. 8-12:** Travel around the World Week

**Aug. 15-19:** Camp Hill Top's Got Talent Week

**Aug. 22-26:** Creepy Crawlers Week

### NARA Summer Camp - Ages 4-15

NARA Summer Camp creates an environment that encourages children to grow both physically and socially. Our dedicated staff works with peer groups to engage children in healthy outdoor activity along with enrichment opportunities that are challenging and fun. Additional special activities and field trips are based on the weekly theme. All health and safety protocols are followed. Register now at [actonrec.com](https://actonrec.com).

**June 27-July 1:** Disney Week

**July 5-July 8:** Mystery Week

**July 11-15:** Pirate Week

**July 18-22:** Superhero Week

**July 25-29:** Olympics Week

**Aug. 1-5:** Carnival Week

**Aug. 8-12:** NARA Ninja Warrior Week

**Aug. 15-19:** Star Wars Week

**Aug. 22-26:** NARA's Got Talent Week

# RECREATION DIVISION

## PROGRAMS NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATION:

- Amazing Athletes
- American Red Cross CPR, First Aid & AED w/Acton Rec
- Adventure Art, Artist in Me, Mini Art with Suni Roy
- Baseball Clinic with Skyhawks
- Baseball Tots with Skyhawks
- Basketball (Co-ed) with Skyhawks
- Birding in Acton with Andy Magee
- [Bus Trips](#) with Best of Times
- Competition Math for Middle School with Think4Fun
- Critical Thinking with Think4Fun
- Data Science for Kids with Think4Fun
- E-sports: Fortnite, Valorant, League of Legends
- Floorball 4 All with Acton Rec
- Floral Arrangement Workshops with Cathy Fochtman
- Golf-Beginner Level with SkyHawks
- High Tea Dress-Up Party with Acton Rec
- Hoopster Tots with Skyhawks
- JUMP2bFIT with Acton Rec
- Nature Walks with Tom Tidman
- Pickleball D3 with Pro Donald Van Dyne
- Pot Luck Lunch Bunch (Themed) with Acton Rec
- Soccer - with Tiny Tykes and Super Soccer Stars
- Squash Women's Only Clinics, Adult Clinics and Youth Clinics with SquashWest
- Tennis with Marcus Lewis Tennis Extension and Skyhawks
- Wednesday Walk & Talk with Acton Rec
- Wildlife Explorers with Acton Rec
- Women's Pick-up Soccer with Acton Rec

**REGISTER TODAY @ [ACTONREC.COM](https://actonrec.com)**

## SUMMER HELP WANTED

**Acton Recreation is now hiring for Summer Camp Counselors and Lifeguards.** Please obtain an application [here](#). Once completed, submit to Human Resources, Acton Town Hall, 472 Main Street, Acton. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview.

**VOLUNTEERS:** We are seeking High School aged and adult volunteers for the many events we host throughout the year. Volunteers assist with our concessions, ticket area, amphitheater bowl oversight, event set-up and break-down, parking, greeting, running activities, and general support as needed. We also have other volunteer opportunities available to help support our parks and programs. For student volunteers, this is a great way to earn community service hours. Please e-mail [recreation@actonma.gov](mailto:recreation@actonma.gov) if you are interested.

Did you know that each year the Recreation Department awards a Student Volunteer of the Year Award and a Recreation Volunteer of the Year award? We can't wait to see who will receive our 2022 award!

## NARA BEACH

EARLY BIRD NARA BEACH MEMBERSHIPS ARE OFFERED THROUGH MAY 31. TO OBTAIN THE EARLY BIRD RATE, MUST BE POSTMARKED OR DELIVERED TO OUR OFFICE or BEACH BY TUES., MAY 31, 2022

Click [here](#) for Beach Membership Form  
Click [here](#) for Beach Rules and Regulations  
Click [here](#) for Red Cross Swim Lessons

**PIRATE PARTY**  
Pre-Registration  
Required-  
Online Only  
by  
Tues., April 19  
**Sorry, no day-of  
walk-ins**

**Register at:**  
**[actonrec.com](https://actonrec.com)**



**PIRATE PARTY  
TREASURE HUNT**  
Friday, April 22  
1-2:30 PM  
**ACTON REC. CENTER**  
50 Audubon Dr., Acton

**\$5 PER PERSON - PRE REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED BY TUES, APRIL 19.  
SIGN UP AT: [ACTONREC.COM](https://actonrec.com)**

Music  
Games  
Treasure Hunt  
Pirate Visit!

**Dress as a Pirate  
or as a Princess!**  
**[actonrec.com](https://actonrec.com)**



**PIRATE PARTY  
TREASURE HUNT**  
Friday, April 22  
1-2:30 PM  
**ACTON REC. CENTER**  
50 Audubon Dr., Acton

\$5 PER PERSON- PRE REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED BY TUES, APRIL 19  
SIGN UP AT: ACTONREC.COM

Make:  
• Games  
• Treasure Hunt  
• Photo Booth!

**Dress as a Pirate  
Or as a Princess!**  
**actonrec.com**

*A Tribute to Bon Jovi's Journey*

**BON JOURNEY**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022**  
Live Band with Special  
Guests: Jason, Mike, John, Dan, James, Ed, Jim, Eric

**8:30 - 10:00 PM**  
**NARA PARK, ACTON**  
TICKETS \$20 IN ADVANCE / \$25 DAY OF EVENT  
KIDS 12 AND UNDER FREE  
**ACTONREC.COM**

**VANESSA TRIEN  
& THE JUMPING MONKEYS**

**WEDNESDAY JULY 6, 2022**  
6:00-7:30 PM  
**NARA PARK, ACTON, MA**  
**WWW.ACTONMA.GOV**

**TREME  
QUEEN**  
THE LEGACY OF FRODO BAGGINS

**FRI, JULY 8, 2022**  
**8:00 PM**  
**NARA PARK, ACTON**

TICKETS: \$20 IN ADVANCE / \$25 DAY OF EVENT - KIDS  
KIDS 12 AND UNDER FREE  
**ACTONREC.COM**

**DRAW THE LINE**  
THE AEROSMITH TRIBUTE BAND

**FRIDAY, JULY 22**  
**8:00-10:30 PM**  
**NARA PARK, ACTON, MA**

ADVANCE TICKETS: \$20  
DAY OF GATE: \$25

**ACTONREC.COM**

**BEACH PARTY**

**SUN, JULY 24, 2022**  
12:00 - 3:00 PM  
**NARA PARK BEACH**  
FREE EVENT  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**ACTONREC.COM**

**STIFLER'S  
MOM**  
THE ULTIMATE 90'S EXPERIENCE

**FRI, AUGUST 5, 2022**  
**8:00-10:15 PM**  
**NARA PARK, ACTON**

TICKETS: \$20 IN ADVANCE / \$25 GATE OR DAY OF EVENT  
KIDS 12+ & UNDER FREE  
**ACTONREC.COM**

**A DECADE OF SOUL**  
CLASSIC SOUL + MOTOWN REVIEW

**FRI, AUG. 12, 2022**  
**8:00 - 10:15 PM**  
**NARA PARK, ACTON**

ADVANCE TICKETS: \$20 | DAY OF EVENT: \$25  
KIDS 12 AND UNDER FREE  
**ACTONREC.COM**

**INTO THE  
FLOOD**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2022**  
7:00-10:00 PM  
**NARA PARK AMPHITHEATER**  
15 LIGHTS EDGE WAY, ACTON

**ACTONREC.COM**

**IF**  
New England's Ultimate Tribute to  
Guns N' Roses

**FRI, AUG 26, 2022**  
**8:00 - 10:20 PM**  
**NARA PARK**

TICKETS: \$20 IN ADVANCE / \$25 AT THE DOOR OR DAY OF EVENT  
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## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

### A limited amount of childcare subsidy funds are still available on first-come first-served basis through Thursday, June 30, 2022.

The funds can provide children ages 0-13 with subsidies at any DEEC licensed childcare program, Recreation Dept. school break vacation programs or AB Community Education. Please contact the Community Services Office at 978-929-6651 or [lducharme@actonma.gov](mailto:lducharme@actonma.gov) for additional information or to apply.

Household Size	Income Limit for Residents of Acton, Boxborough, Littleton, Maynard	Income Limit for Residents of Westford
2	\$80,850	\$63,950
3	\$90,950	\$71,950
4	\$101,050	\$79,900
5	\$109,150	\$86,300
6	\$117,250	\$92,700
7	\$125,350	\$99,100
8	\$133,400	\$105,500

## MEMORIAL LIBRARY

### STAY CONNECTED & MORE WITH AML

#### Tax Filing Information:

[actonmemoriallibrary.org/taxes](http://actonmemoriallibrary.org/taxes)

**Check out our BOOK and MEDIA lists!** Some tried and true-some freshly created. Click [here](#) to view the lists.

#### Stay up-to-date with announcements and library info by following on Facebook

([@ActonMemLibrary](#)) and Instagram ([@ActonLibrary](#)) and Twitter ([@ActonMemLibrary](#)), or by visiting [actonmemoriallibrary.org](http://actonmemoriallibrary.org)

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**AML E-Resources:** Check out our wide array of e-resources, available anytime remotely - <https://www.actonmemoriallibrary.org/resources-research/e-resources/>

#### Summer YA Volunteers 2022

Acton Memorial Library is seeking Young Adults (grades 9 -12 in September 2022), to volunteer this Summer. More information and application form (for download) at the bottom of our YA page under "Volunteering". Application forms are also available at the Circulation desk at the Library. Contact: [asood@actonma.gov](mailto:asood@actonma.gov)

#### Local History:

["Not Afraid to Go" Exhibit](#)

[Local History Links](#)

#### Birding Kits

Attention Birders! The library has two Birding Kits that are available for circulation. Each kit includes a canvas field bag with Eagle Optics 8x42 binoculars with case; Peterson Field Guide to Birds of Eastern and Central North America; Birding for the Curious; Town of Acton Guide to Conservation Lands; and a laminated copy of Sibley's Backyard Birds of the Northeast, a quick reference card.

Birding kits may be checked out for two weeks by borrowers age 18 or older. The kits must be borrowed from and returned to the Acton Memorial Library Circulation Desk.

Acton residents may place a hold on a Birding Kit by clicking [here](#) to visit the Minuteman Catalog, or by calling the Reference Desk at 978-929-6657.





## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Learn more and register at [ActonMemorialLibrary.org/Calendar](https://actonmemoriallibrary.org/Calendar)

### CHILDREN

**Pre-registration required for all programs unless noted.**

Questions? E-mail: [ACTChildrens@minlib.net](mailto:ACTChildrens@minlib.net)

#### **ZOOM Baby and Toddler Storytime**

*Tuesdays, 9:30-10:00 AM*

Stories, songs, rhymes, and more!

#### **Read to a Dog**

*Tuesdays, 4:00—5:00 PM, Library*

Young readers can make a 15-minute appointment to read aloud to Zora. Call to schedule your child's time (978) 929-6658.

#### **Singalong Storytime**

*Wednesdays, 10:30—11:00 AM on the library lawn (weather permitting) or Meeting Room.*

Join Mr. Robert and his guitar on Zoom for Music & Movement & Stories.

#### **Early Release Program**

*Wednesdays, 2:00-4:00 PM on the library lawn (weather permitting) or Meeting Room.*

Each Wednesday will be a different program, including: STEM + STEAM workshops and more.

#### **Preschool Storytime**

*Thursdays, 10:00-10:45 AM on the library lawn (weather permitting) or Meeting Room.*

Interactive Storytime with Miss Elise geared toward preschoolers ages 3 and up.

#### **Crafting in the Children's Room**

*Thursdays, 4:00-4:30 PM*

All materials provided

#### **Hero Kids Role-Playing Game**

*Saturday, March 12, 10:00—11:30 AM on the library lawn (weather permitting) or Meeting Room.* Hero Kids is a role-playing game like Dungeons & Dragons, toned down for children ages 6+.

#### **Earth Day at the Discovery Museum**

*Friday, April 2, 10:00 AM—12:00 PM*

More information on the Library Calendar.

#### **Celebrate Zora's Birthday**

*Wednesday, April 27, 2:00—3:30 PM*

Library Lawn - A dog party! More information on the Library Calendar.

### TWEENS & TEENS

**Pre-registration required for all programs unless noted.**



#### **Dungeons & Dragons**

*Saturdays (alt. weeks age specific), 10:00 AM – Noon*

D&Ds for Teens takes place on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.

D&D for 5th & 6th grade takes place on the 4th Saturday of every month.



#### **ZOOM: Teen Craft-Felted Snail**

*Thursday, April 28, 7:00-8:00 PM*

Craft a charming snail with merino wool. Learn how to sculpt with wool using a barbed needle and merino wool roving. You'll learn the basics of this fun and relaxing craft and leave with the basic supplies and skills to create more on your own. It's easier than it looks to make a smiling snail with a spiral shell! Open to youth 13-18 years old.



### ADULTS

**Pre-registration required for all programs unless noted.**

Questions? E-mail Acton Memorial Library's Adult Services Department at [ACTAdultservices@minlib.net](mailto:ACTAdultservices@minlib.net)

#### **ZOOM: India and the Story of Blue- "Discover India" Series**

*Four Mondays: April 4, 11, 18, 25 from 7:00—8:00 PM*

"Discover India" is a four-part series exploring some of India's exciting facts, places, people, and architecture. April 4th will feature India and the Story of Blue.

Blue is a beautiful color, and it is tough to imagine a world where blue pigment suddenly went missing. And yet, for 1000's of years, humans would look at blue colors in nature and not be able to replicate that at all.

Join us to learn more about the history of blue and its relationship to Indian history!

**These programs are suitable for middle schoolers, teens and adults. Some hands-on activities.**

**Attend as many as you can!**

Click [here](#) to register.



#### **ZOOM: Young America-Colonial Rule to National Independence**

*Thursday, April 7, 4:00-5:00 PM*

The transition from colonial rule to national independence was a pivotal time in American history. Participants will explore colonial and early federal art that tells the story of growing national ambitions, territorial expansion, and the beginning of industry. All interested are welcome!

#### **ZOOM: AML Book Discussion Group**

*Tuesday, April 19, 7:30—8:45 PM*

The AML Book Group will discuss the book *The Premonition: A Pandemic Story* by Michael Lewis. All are invited to join the discussion.

## Spring Paving

The following roads are scheduled to be paved this spring:

- Kinsley Road
- Kinsley Lane
- Fraser Drive
- Baxter Road
- Pearl Street
- Church Street
- Summer Street (Willow St to Central St)
- Freedom Farm Road
- Olde Barn Way
- Mohegan Road
- Seminole Road
- Quaboag Road
- Birch Ridge Road
- Juniper Ridge Road
- Cherry Ridge Road



Residents will be notified via message boards and a posting on the Town of Acton website when a start date has been determined. Please note, the duration and schedule can change depending on weather or other conditions that may arise. We appreciate your cooperation and patience during this time.

### Spring Repairs

Sometimes the grass strips and curbs along the roads are damaged while plowing. The Highway Division works to repair these areas as soon as possible after the snow has melted and the ground has thawed; however other work that involves the safety of the public takes priority. It may take until mid-summer to repair these areas. The repair of grass surfaces generally consists of raking out the ruts and seeding with a standard highway grass seed. If your landscaping needs are such that this is unacceptable, you may choose to repair these areas on your own earlier in the spring.

### Street Sweeping




Part of the Highway Division's maintenance program involves cleaning the road surfaces and drains. The road surfaces and sidewalks are cleaned with mechanical sweepers during the spring months. The highly visible areas are cleaned first, such as the town centers and the Isaac Davis Trail. Most roads are swept once during this period.

Residents are reminded to NOT put lawn waste, trash, tree limbs, etc in the roadway during the sweeping process as it may damage the machinery. The operator will not remove such material, leaving an unsightly mess for you and your neighbors

The Department of Public Works would like to thank the residents for their continued cooperation during the winter months. It can be a challenging time for all.



# Do your "DOODY" to keep our local waters clean:

-  Pick up after your pet.
-  Dispose of pet waste by flushing it down the toilet or putting it in the trash.
-  Never throw pet waste into a storm drain or waterway.

## Here's why:

Stormwater may wash pet waste into ponds, streams or coastal waters, either directly or via storm drains. Pet waste contains germs and nutrients that can be harmful to human health and to our waterways and can even cause algae to grow, making the water turn an unpleasant green color. Water with increased bacteria and algae can have serious, and sometimes fatal, consequences when ingested by your dog as well as for all aquatic life.

### MassDOT Flashing Yellow Arrow (FYA) Signal Educational Campaign

The #FlashingYellowArrow signal aims to replace the circular green indication for left turns at signalized intersections. When the arrow is flashing, drivers are allowed to turn only after YIELDING to all oncoming traffic and to any pedestrians in the crosswalk

For more information or questions, please contact Michelle Deng, Traffic Safety Engineer, MassDOT Highway Division, Traffic Safety Section at: [Michelle.Deng@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:Michelle.Deng@dot.state.ma.us).

### TYPES OF LEFT TURN SIGNALS

TRADITIONAL

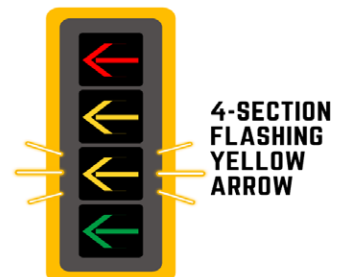


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4-SECTION  
FLASHING  
YELLOW  
ARROW



3-SECTION  
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YELLOW  
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# Plan before you Plant

## Plant the right tree in the right place for electric service reliability

Trees and power lines don't mix. When they touch, it can cause everything from power outages, fires and downed lines, to safety hazards for people, wildlife and even the trees themselves. Tree branches too close to power lines must be trimmed, and adequate trimming can't always be done in ways that retain the natural aesthetics of the tree.

Low-growing trees maturing up to 25 feet in height such as crabapple, dogwood, hawthorn, plum, and Japanese maple, can be planted near roadside power lines, in the **Red Zone**.

Medium-sized trees, maturing at heights of 25-45 feet, can be planted between **15 and 30 feet from the power lines**, in the **Yellow Zone**. Such trees include arborvitae, flowering cherry, magnolia, hornbeam, and shadblow.

Large-growing trees, reaching heights of more than 45 feet, should be planted **at least 30 feet from power lines**, in the **Green Zone**. Oak, maple, locust, spruce, and pine are some examples.

## Plant Trees in the Proper Zone

### Red Zone:

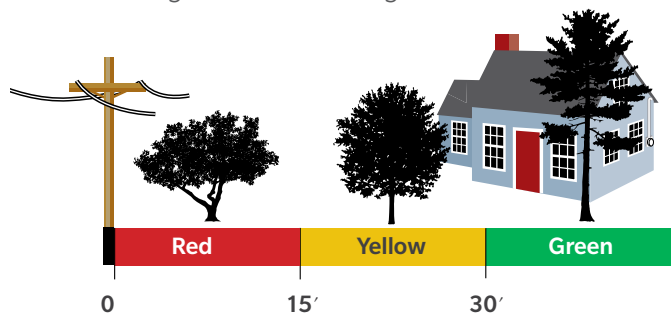
Trees less than 25' high

### Yellow Zone:

Trees 25 - 45' high

### Green Zone:

Trees greater than 45' high



## Call Before You Dig!

Call **1-800-922-4455** at least two full working days before any type of digging. It's free, easy and the law.

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### LOW-Growing



Dogwood



Flowering Crabapple



Japanese Maple

### MEDIUM-Growing



Arborvitae



Flowering Cherry



Magnolia

### TALL-Growing



Maple



Oak



Pine



## Lawn and Garden Tips to Help Curb Stormwater Pollution



Under Massachusetts law, only apply fertilizer with phosphorus if:

1. A soil test shows that phosphorus is needed; or
2. During the first growing season for a newly established lawn.

Contact the UMass Cooperative Extension Soil Nutrient Testing Laboratory to learn how to conduct a routine soil test: <https://ag.umass.edu/services/soil-plant-nutrient-testing-laboratory/ordering-information-forms>

Business owners can do their part to keep Massachusetts' waterways clean.

Find more tips like these at [www.ThinkBlueMassachusetts.org](http://www.ThinkBlueMassachusetts.org).



# DIRECTORY OF TOWN DEPARTMENTS

**TOWN SERVICES HOTLINE - (978) 929-6600**

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